

NORTH CAROLINA MAIN STREET SOLUTIONS FUND APPLICATION WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Community Leaders and Local Government Officials Interested in Downtown Revitalization and/or Small Business Development
FROM: Ed Davis, Main Street Solutions Fund Grant Administrator
North Carolina Department of Commerce, North Carolina Main Street Center
RE: Main Street Solutions Fund Program Announcement / Required Workshop – March 16, 2016

On March 16 the North Carolina Main Street Center will hold Main Street Solutions Fund application information meetings. The workshop will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. The March 16 meeting will take place at Goldsboro City Council Chambers, 200 South Center Street in downtown Goldsboro. The workshop will last one and one half hours.

Attendance at this workshop is mandatory for any community that is interested in submitting an application to be considered for the Main Street Solutions Fund AND HAS NOT attended a workshop within the last two years. A minimum of one representative is required to attend. A representative is defined as a city or town elected official or staff member or the leader of a community nonprofit whose key mission is downtown revitalization, small business development or economic development. Communities that do not attend this workshop and/or have not attended a workshop within the last two years will not be eligible for consideration for the Main Street Solutions Fund Program.

The State of North Carolina established a program known as the Main Street Solutions Fund. This program is administered by the Department of Commerce, North Carolina Main Street Center.

Monies in the Fund shall be available to North Carolina micropolitans located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 counties and/or North Carolina Main Street communities, including Small Town Main Street communities, that are designated as active and that met the annual reporting responsibilities. For purposes of this announcement, a micropolitan city is a city within the State with a population, according to the most recent U.S. census of between 10,000 and 50,000 people. A North Carolina Main Street Community is a city that has been designated by the North Carolina Department of Commerce to participate in the North Carolina Main Street Program or the Small Town Main Street Program.

The purpose of the Main Street Solutions Fund program is to provide maximum support to small businesses in designated micropolitans located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 counties and in designated North Carolina Main Street communities. The Program is intended to strengthen the economy of the municipality and its role as a regional growth and employment hub. This is accomplished by leveraging the state's resources for small business development, spurring private investment and by providing economic development planning assistance and coordinated grant support.

Again, the March 16 meeting will take place at 9:45 a.m. at the Goldsboro City Council Chambers, 200 South Center Street, Goldsboro, N.C. Public parking information is attached. The This workshop is free and occurs immediately prior to the annual Main Street Conference

